

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a movable image bearing member on which an image is formed;
a movable intermediate transfer member, being in contact with said image bearing member, wherein the image on said image bearing member is transferred to said intermediate transfer member;
a controlling device for controlling a drive of said image bearing member and a drive of said intermediate transfer member so as to start the drive of said image bearing member after starting the drive of said intermediate transfer member in a state that said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member contact each ~~other, and~~ other.
~~driving means for driving said image bearing member.~~

2. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on movement of said image bearing member.

3. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, ~~and further comprising a cleaning member for~~ contacting and cleaning said image bearing member, ~~in contact with said image bearing member.~~

4. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising a detecting device for detecting a position of said intermediate transfer ~~member~~; member, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on output from said detecting device.

5. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member are contained in the same image forming unit and said unit is attached detachably to an apparatus body.

6. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member receive transmission of drive force upon coupling to a side of an apparatus body, and wherein drive force transmission ~~start~~ to said intermediate transfer member ~~is performed~~ begins earlier, by a maximum time that said image bearing member can complete a connection to the side of the apparatus body with said coupling or more, than drive force transmission ~~start~~ to said image bearing member.

7. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a movable image bearing member on which an image is formed;
a movable transfer material carrying member for carrying a transfer material, wherein said transfer material carrying member is in contact with said image

bearing member, and the image on said image bearing member is transferred to the transfer material on said transfer material carrying member; and

a controlling device for controlling a drive of said image bearing member and a drive of said transfer material carrying member so as to start the drive of said image bearing member after starting the drive of said transfer material carrying member in a state that said image bearing member and said transfer material carrying member contact each other, and other.

~~driving means for driving said image bearing member.~~

8. (Previously presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on movement of said image bearing member.

9. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, ~~and~~ further comprising a cleaning member for contacting and cleaning said image bearing member, ~~in contact with said image bearing member.~~

10. (Currently amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, ~~and~~ further comprising a detecting device for detecting a position of said transfer material carrying member, wherein an image formation is started on said image bearing member based on output from said detecting device.